

would have nothing to say except that the story related by Mrs. Beach was untrue in many particulars and that he expected to prove himself clear of any wrongdoing.

Young Mrs. Beach and her husband, Reginald Beach, together with a number of relatives arrived at Alexandria courthouse early this morning and held a long conference with Commonwealth Attorney Mackey.

Mr. Beach said that Hitchcock had been a neighbor to the family for nearly ten years and that the alleged assault upon his wife had been at first almost incredible to belief. Mr. Beach and relatives while highly indignant at the charge that would allow the law to take its course and that no violence toward the accused man was contemplated.

"I have known Hitchcock almost all my life," said Mr. Beach, "and he has known my wife since she was a girl. I am a highly nervous man and I am sure that in this instance, and you could have told me nothing that would have surprised me more."

Position of State's Attorney.

Attorney Cranford Mackey, who will care for the interests of the State, made the following announcement to the court and to counsel for the opposite side:

"I agree to a waiver of the committal trial, and the prisoner can be remanded to jail with the understanding the case can be investigated by the grand jury at the October term of the circuit court, unless public sentiment demands that a special term shall be called. If I deem it wise from the state of public sentiment to call a special term of court, I will give opposing counsel two weeks' notice. By public sentiment I mean that if there is any considerable interest indicating the possibility of a lynching or violence to the prisoner, I will call for a special grand jury and term of court. I do not believe, however, that this will be necessary."

Offense Is Not Bailable.

Under the Virginia statutes Justice Parker stated that the offense charged was not a bailable one, and that the prisoner would have to remain in jail until his case can be heard. The warrant charges that Hitchcock did make a felonious assault upon and did beat and wound the said Susie M. Beach, until her life was despaired of. In addition to charging that the man had improper designs upon her.

Attorney Mackey said this morning that he had found one eyewitness to the alleged assault, and that to Mrs. Beach and Hitchcock, but refused to divulge his name for the present. None of the witnesses were heard by Justice Parker, and Mrs. Beach has given no version of the affair save that furnished the State's attorney. She remained in detention the entire day, and a band stating that the shock and subsequent notoriety had left her in a very nervous state.

Hitchcock remained in an anteroom of the courthouse, and discussed the case at intervals, reiterating several times that when his side became known it would not appear in such bad light. He expressed the hope that he might be admitted to bail, and that he would have no trouble in furnishing it.

UNIONS FAIL APPARENTLY TO WIN BUILDERS

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that work reported progress, but in no single instance would they point out anyone that had signed the agreement. It has been claimed by members of the joint conference that the master builders and members of the Employers' Association and among the master builders who are displeased with the action of the Employers' Association in the conduct of the lockout strike of the building trades, who were willing and anxious to break away from the organization and sign agreements with the unions. It was upon these representations that the national executive officers decided to cancel this element of the master builders, hoping to have but a few buildings on which to strike.

That a big disappointment confronted the canvassing committee, and the opinion of the rank and file of subordinate members of the building trades.

Masters Say They're United.

At headquarters of the Employers' Association it was stated this morning that the assumption by the union leaders that there were a large number of the members of that organization, or any of them, who were ready to desert and join the union side of the controversy, was ridiculous, and that their ranks are solid and will remain so against any effort to control the labor market of Washington or dictate terms under which the master builders shall employ mechanics.

The fact that the 2,000 carpenters making up the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and the Carpenters Amalgamated Union in joint session mass meeting last night in Armory Hall decided to join the strike, and that the building trades who were locked out and who have heretofore had the support of the carpenters.

Carpenters Not Unanimous.

If the bricklayers at their specially called meeting to act on the strike question follow with an indorsement of the strike, it would appear that the building trades were sure of success. But it has been pointed out this morning by carpenters that there is danger of a split in their ranks as that unanimity for a strike reported to have prevailed at last night's meeting did not exist.

On the other hand there exists much doubt as to whether the bricklayers will vote to join the strike. The bricklayers and carpenters can be held in line the strike will be ordered, but the bricklayers fail to line up there will be no such step taken.

Hold Key to Situation.

All admit that the carpenters and bricklayers are the key to the situation, and that unless both fall in line it would be folly to order a strike. If the bricklayers come out tonight the strike order of the last week's convention may be put in force tomorrow morning.

The Employers' Association has plans matured for the establishment of a central labor employment bureau in the downtown section that will be in the hands of an expert, should the strike come. It is said that they have arranged to bring to Washington all the non-union skilled labor that they may need, and are prepared to do so on twelve hours' notice of strike or less time, as they have organized their forces in nearby cities, principally Philadelphia.

E. K. Hall, secretary of the Employers' Association, late this afternoon issued a statement in which he calls attention to the form of contract now being circulated by the building trades and which was published in The Times yesterday. Mr. Hall said in his statement that his contract shows the hand of the union to be a fight for the closed shop.

NINE FREMEN, HURT IN SMOKE, ARE RESCUED

Chicago Men Work Hard Saving Lumber Yards and Oil Tanks.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—Nine freemen were seriously injured by smoke and flames and many more were endangered by live wires in a fire today in the plant of the Monarch Leather Company, North Branch and Division streets. The injured men were carried down ladders to safety by their comrades, while crowds cheered the daring rescuers.

The fire gave the department one of the fiercest battles in months to keep the flames from spreading to adjoining lumber yards, oil tanks, and grain elevators.

The fire was caused by the explosion of a gasoline engine. The damage to the building and stock is \$75,000.

ILLINOIS TORNADO AND HAILSTORM

GALESBURG, Ill., Aug. 7.—A tornado has been diagnosed across this county, accompanied by heavy hail and sharp electricity. At Onondaga a number of stores were unroofed, and small buildings overturned. At Williamsfield, the front of the bank was blown in and windows all over the town were smashed by hail, while small animals were killed. Great damage to crops all along the line of the storm resulted, much of the grain being beaten into the ground.

CANTON, Ill., Aug. 7.—The worst hailstorm ever known in this section passed over here, accompanied by heavy rain and a severe electrical disturbance. Large hailstones fell until the ground was covered and much damage was done to standing corn and other crops.

PROMOTE EQUAL RIGHTS. PLAN OF NEW SOCIETY

The American Federation of Human Rights today filed a certificate of incorporation with the Recorder of Deeds. The purpose of the organization is to promote equal rights among the various races, and to labor for the mutual protection and improvement of the members in combating ignorance and building up the human character.

ANTHONY M. MARELLI, of New York; Samuel B. Webb and Andrew B. Webb of this city, are named as the trustees of the society for the first three years. The organization has no capitalization, but is devoted to benevolent, charitable and educational purposes.

KANN ART COLLECTION PROPERTY OF MORGAN?

LONDON, Aug. 7.—The impression prevails that the Rodolphe Kann collection of art, which was bought by Duveen Bros., of New York and London, for \$500,000, is now the property of J. Pierpont Morgan, Duveen Bros. acting as his agents.

VITAL RECORDS

Births.

White—Clyde and Helen Mathers, girl, William L. and Cora E. Phillips, boy, David K. and Margaret Darr, girl, Samuel J. and Clara Bertha, boy, Gaetano and Maria Scopolini, boy, Willard and Sadie Payne, girl, Harry P. and Maggie G. Mackey, girl, Henry C. and Agnes G. Smith, girl, Sweetie and Dolly Williams, girl.

Marriage Licenses.

Charles Henry Williams, of Augusta, Va., and Bertha Curtis, of Spotsylvania, Va., Benjamin S. Carpenter and Daisy E. Avery, Jeremiah A. Battimore and Pansy R. Gaskins, Harry O. Ewing and Laura E. Hutchinson, Charles J. Hall and Barbara A. Moore, of Parker, Va., William T. Anderson, of Lewisburg, Va., and Rita V. Keefe, of this city, Harry S. Snod, of Oak Ridge, Va., and Grace H. Stevens, of Livingston, Va., Spencer C. Gray, of Corolla, N. C., and Blanche B. Fulton, of Reidsburg, Pa., J. J. Gorman, Jr., and Margaret H. Patterson, both of Alexandria, Va., Charles Quarles and Ruth Robinson, of Portsmouth, Va., Aaron W. Jones and Georgian Hutchinson, George A. Whorton and Florence C. Curtis, Daniel Bradford and Emma J. Botts, Walter E. Queen and Martha E. Foster, James Washington and Pearl Grimes, Hilton W. Robertson and Hazel Tuno, Cornelius Gordon and Eva Thomas, Benjamin Allen and Eva Hill.

Deaths.

White—Emma L. Mandley, 69 years, 1918 Gales street northeast, Kate F. Arnold, 45 years, 121 E street northeast, Francis A. Mandley, 20 years, 1324 Emerson street northeast, Nettie May Norwood, 2 years, 1312 Ninth street northwest, Catherine E. Neubeck, 6 months, 507 M street southeast, Michael McKain, 6 days, George Washington University Hospital, Elvi Fubre, 25 days, St. Ann's Infant Asylum, George W. Leigh, 45 years, Chesapeake and Ohio canal, Edith Marie Hunt, 4 years, Children's Hospital.

Hot Weather Lunch

A little fruit and some

Grape-Nuts

with Cream.

"There's a Reason"

FLAGMAN KILLED, BUT SAVES TRAIN

Negro Went to Sleep on Track With Signal in His Hand.

WINNER, Ga., Aug. 7.—Two miles south of Winner on the Seaboard Air line, a negro section hand was sent back to flag the northbound passenger train from Atlanta, last night, while the gang was repairing the line. The flagman sat down on the track and, with his flag in his hand, went to sleep. He was instantly killed when the train thundered along, but the train was stopped and saved at the cost of the negro's life.

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